

CONCORDIA COUNCIL ON STUDENT LIFE

Minutes of a Meeting held in Room AD-128, Loyola Campus, at 3:30 P.M. on Tuesday,
20 October 1981

PRESENT: Dr. R. Breen, Chairman; Mr. D. Arfin, Ms. D. Britton, Mr. B. Counihan,
Dr. E. Enos, Mr. W. Harper, Ms. G. Hirsh, Mr. R. Javitch, Ms. A. Kerby,
Mr. F. Loverso, Mr. C. Senosier, Mr. J.A. Sproule, Prof. R. Swedburg,
Rev. M. Terho; Ms. D. Brundage, Recorder

ABSENT: Mr. L. Burogano, Prof. M. Taylor

GUESTS: Mr. D. Boisvert, Mr. R. Cannon, Ms. N. Torbit

Chairman's Remarks

81.10.1 A quorum of members being present, the Chairman opened the meeting by asking members to introduce themselves to each other. He went on to remark on the recent retirement of Dean M. Flynn and to acknowledge the contribution which Mr. Flynn had made to student services at Concordia. Mr. Sproule then moved, Dr. Enos seconded and it was approved unanimously as follows:

THAT the Concordia Council on Student Life recognizes the fine efforts which Dean Flynn has made on behalf of Concordia's student services and particularly his participation in the work of Council over the years and wishes him a long and happy retirement.

81.10.1.1 The Chairman read a letter from the World University Service of Canada to Dr. O'Brien asking for Concordia's sponsorship in some measure of students who are political refugees from other countries. Dr. Breen asked members to consider what type of project Council might undertake to raise money to support such a sponsorship and said that he would place the item on the next Agenda of Council.

81.10.1.2 The Board of Governors had approved Council's recommended budget for student services in 1981/82, Dr. Breen noted and added that while some factors are still unknown - for instance, the ultimate percentage increase in full-time salaries - it appears that student services will be able to operate within the revenue it will generate in 1981/82. The Chairman said that student services at Concordia are in a healthy financial position compared with other Quebec universities and complimented the Directors on their fiscal management over the years.

81.10.1.3 Dr. Breen then reported that the Task Force on International/Ethnic Associations being chaired by Mr. Donald Boisvert had been meeting during the Summer and would have a recommendation for Council's consideration before Christmas, if possible.

81.10.1.3 The Chairman went on to note the excellent work which had been done by CUSA and, particularly, Dann Rogers on orientation. Mr. Rogers has submitted a report on the project which, Dr. Breen said, he would circulate to members before Council's next meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

- 81.10.2 Mr. Arfin MOVED and Dr. Enos SECONDED that the Agenda for the meeting of 20 October 1981 be APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of 23 March 1981

- 81.10.3 Mr. Arfin MOVED and Dean Counihan SECONDED that the Minutes of the Meeting of 23 March 1981 be APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

CCSL Task Force on the Organization of Student Services, CCSL 81-10-D1

- 81.10.3 Dr. Breen referred to the document circulated to members in which he proposed the establishment of a Task Force to review the organization of student services at Concordia and make appropriate recommendations to Council. He pointed out that since Dean Flynn's retirement, Dean Counihan had assumed acting responsibility for the operation of the Dean of Students' Office on the Sir George Williams Campus in addition to his duties at Loyola and noted that it seemed an appropriate time for Council to look into the whole area of the organization of the services, particularly the two Deans' offices. Mr. Arfin stated that the student members of Council had discussed the Chairman's document and found the objectives praiseworthy. He expressed some doubt about the composition of the proposed Task Force, however, and said that to some extent its creation might be redundant, particularly with the heavy schedules many members of Council are already carrying. Nevertheless, the question of priorities is important Mr. Arfin stated and it is should be addressed immediately. Mr. Arfin then referred to a recommendation of the Priorities and Finance Committee which had been tabled at Council in February 1979 and suggested that it might be a good starting point when priorities are being considered.

- 81.10.3.1 Mr. Cannon recalled the work of the Priorities and Finance Committee during 1979/80 and the seemingly futile exercise of discussing the same questions year after year with no concrete results. He suggested that all constituencies of Council, including CUSA, should re-examine their priorities and prepare a document for study.

- 81.10.3.2 Mr. Arfin noted that Dr. Breen's document addressed two major issues: that of priorities and of the organization of the Deans' offices. Some discussion took place as to whether or not they should be considered separately or as part of a whole. Again, on the subject of priorities, Mr. Cannon observed that some staff priorities are not being met. Nevertheless, Mr. Sproule replied, Concordia has been providing good student services and in general reflecting, insofar as possible, the priorities of staff and students.

- 81.10.3.3 Dean Counihan then suggested that rather than establishing a separate Task Force to deal with the Mandate proposed by Dr. Breen, Council might wish to refer it to the Standing Committee on Priorities and Finance. Dr. Breen noted that it had been his thought that the Task Force should be established in order that the whole area of the two Deans of Students' Offices could be considered: for instance, should

there be one Financial Aid Office or two? These are complex questions because the convenience of students must be considered, as well as the campus base of student life. In response to Mr. Arfin's question, Dean Counihan replied that there had been some consideration given to the organization question by the Directors and the Vice-Rector, but that no formal discussion had taken place. Dean Counihan then MOVED and Mr. Arfin SECONDED as follows:

THAT the Regular Standing Committee for Priorities and Finance become the task force to fulfill the mandate outlined in Dr. Breen's document headed, "C.C.S.L. Task Force on the Organization of Student Services", numbered CCSL 81-10-D1.

MOTION CARRIED.

- 81.10.3.4 Mr. Arfin then emphasized the importance of the Committee developing a recommendation for Council's consideration by January 1982.

Student Services' Budget

- 81.10.4 Dr. Breen adverted to the remarks he had made in item 81.10.1.2 of the foregoing and again mentioned the unknown factors which will affect the student services financial picture in 1981/82.

Reports from Directors

- 81.10.5 Mr. Sproule reported that all of the Guidance Services' programs were operating satisfactorily. The campus recruiting operation is about to begin and the schedule is very full, both in numbers of students and companies participating.

- 81.10.5.1 Dr. Enos distributed a written report, CCSL 81-10-2, and noted that the varsity football team is performing very well. A new floor has been installed in the gymnasium and showers are being added to the Victoria School facility. He also added that some twenty-five hockey teams have been formed on the Sir George Williams Campus alone and complimented Mr. Philip and Mr. Pavlicik for their efforts in this regard.

- 81.10.5.2 Dean Counihan reported on a program whereby some of Concordia's international students are addressing various groups of high school students. During September and October, the Departments of Federal and Provincial Immigration had representatives on the Sir George Williams Campus where approximately 900 visas were renewed for international students. The Dean then mentioned the move of the Office of the Dean of Students at Sir George Williams to Annex "M" on Mackay Street. Concordia disbursed some \$2,238,595 in student loans and \$2,519,915 in bursaries during 1980/81, according to Dean Counihan. These figures are very close to McGill's, he added, and Concordia manages with about one-third the staff.

Composition of Committees, CCSL 80-11-D1

a) Steering Committee - the following were nominated and elected:

Students: D. Arfin
G. Hirsh

Director: J.A. Sproule

Faculty: R. Swedburg

b) Priorities and Finance Committee

Mr. Arfin MOVED, it was duly SECONDED and CARRIED that the place of the fourth Director on the Priorities and Finance Committee formerly occupied by Dean Flynn be filled by a staff representative.

The following were nominated and elected:

Students: W. Harper
C. Senosier
F. Loverso
D. Arfin

Directors: by virtue of their office

Staff: M. Terho

New Business

81.10.8 No new business was brought before the meeting.

Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

81.10.9 It was determined that the next meeting of Council would take place at 3:30 P.M., on Tuesday, 17 November 1981, on the Sir George Williams Campus, if a meeting room could be found.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:45 P.M.

Dell Brundage
Secretary